



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor
John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
FIRE EMERGENCY FOR NORTH DAKOTA
September 2, 2004

WHEREAS, the volatile fires that occurred on September 1, 2004, are indicative of dangerous conditions that exist throughout North Dakota, which will continue through the remainder of the summer and into the fall until temperatures decrease and humidities increase; and

WHEREAS, adverse weather conditions and high fuel content of heavy vegetation with varying degrees of dryness, are promoting extreme fire danger conditions; and

WHEREAS, fire conditions will be variable on a day-to-day basis for the remainder of this fire season, making it incumbent upon all land users to pay attention to daily weather conditions and fire danger warnings; and

WHEREAS, it is extremely important that each individual takes responsibility for safe fire practices, especially in the southwest portion of the state where extended drought conditions have left all fuel, to include grass and underbrush, in extremely dry, dangerous conditions; and

WHEREAS, fuel conditions are such that fires spread rapidly and become extremely powerful; and

NOW, THEREFORE I hereby proclaim a "fire emergency" within the State of North Dakota. Pursuant to the provisions of the North Dakota Disaster Act of 1985, as amended (Chapter 37.17.1, North Dakota Century Code), which includes procedures for implementation of fire mitigation procedures as contained in the State Emergency Operations Plan, this proclamation, and the executive orders or regulations that may be issued, I order the Director of the Division of Emergency Management implement all necessary operational procedures based on fire danger warnings.

/s/
John Hoeven
Governor

Attest:

/s/
Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State